

To the settlers in Austins settlement. Fellow Citizens, After an absence of sixteen months I have the pleasure of returning once more to the settlement which it has been the labor of the last three years of my life to establish in the unsettled deserts of this province . . . I . . . now have the satisfaction of announcing that every necessary power relative to the formation of the colony is granted to me by the Supreme Executive power and Sovereign Congress of Mexico . . . [Signed and dated:] Stephen F. Austin. Province of Texas, July, 1823. [*San Antonio*. 1823.] Folio broadside. TWS. 94938

Contains a sketch of the plan of organization authorized by the Mexican government for Austin's colonies.

The above copy contains ms. corrections in the handwriting of Stephen F. Austin. The last eight lines of this copy are supplied from a newspaper publication of the proclamation.

COAHUILA AND TEXAS (MEXICAN STATE).

Constitution and Laws.

Because in several cases the constitution and laws are both mentioned on the titles, it has seemed better to arrange them all chronologically.

Constitution of the United Mexican States; the General Colonization Law, and the Colonization Law of the State of Coahuila and Texas. Translated from the original Spanish by C. Chaplin, Esq. *Natchez: Published and Sold by Grissam, Moss, & Co. Booksellers and Stationers, Main Street, Natchez. Sold, also, by D. Hotchkiss, New-Orleans: and Sold in most places in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana.* 1826. 8vo, pp. 51. TWS. 94939

Political Constitution of the Free State of Coahuila & Texas. Sanctioned by the Constitutive Congress of the said State, on the 11th of March, 1827. *Printed at the Courier Office, Natchitoches.* 1827. 12mo, pp. 48. TWS. 94940

Another copy is listed in the catalogue of the collection of the late H. V. Jones, "Adventures in Americana," 1928.

A photostat copy is located at NYPL.

Constitution política del estado libre de Coahuila y Tejas, sancionada por su Congreso constituyente en 11 de Marzo de 1827. *Mexico. Imprenta de Galvan a cargo de Mariano Arevalo—* 1827. 12mo, pp. 107. HEH. 94941

Title supplied by Willard O. Waters.

Constitucion política del estado de Coahuila y Texas. *Saltillo.* 1828. Folleto in 8vo. 94942

Title from V. A. Robles' "Bibliografía de Coahuila," 1927, p. 51.

A fragment at UTEX, possibly from this edition, has the caption: "Primera parte